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Of the Sudden and Total Destruction of

The Turkish Empire

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Religion of Mahomet:

According to the Opinions of the Lord Tycho Brahe of Denmark, and many Others of the Best Astronomers of this Later Age; Collected and Humbly Dedicated to all Christendom by a Lover of Christianity.

THE present War of the *Turks* upon the Christian Empire of *Germany*, and indeed upon all the Eastern part of *Christendom*, (*Russia* only excepted) Begun without any pretence of a just Cause, or other Provocation, than meer Conquest, sufficiently demonstrates that the Ambition of that Empire (if it were possible) aims at nothing elsethen to bring the whole Earth under its Slavery, Bondage and Vassalage, which she might soon Acquire, could she make her self Mistress of the Remaining part of *Europe*, of which she hath already Gained so great a Share, as may be Compared not Inferiour to either of the Mighty Empires of *Germany* or *France*, and Naturally much more Pleasant and Fertile then Either. The Sweets as she Gathers thence, tempt Her upon the Reduction of the Whole; And the frequent Distractions and Warrs which Happen amongst Christian Princes and States, do point out to her own Greatness, an Opportunity of being much Greater, by the weak and distracted Condition *Christendom* is almost continually in, and consequently not able to withstand any of Her (though never so unjust) Demands; Last Years Attempt upon the Imperial Christian City of *Vienna*, may sufficiently convince any Man, that the Attaque of the *Turks* upon that place, (if God Almighty had not wonderfully preserved and defended it) would have brought inevitable destruction and desolation upon the whole Empire of *Germany*. And it is hard to judge in Humane Prudence how they could possibly have bin forced to quit such a Conquest, where the Treasure they would have made Themselves Masters of in the Enterprize, might sufficiently, without any domestick Tax, enabled them to carry on the War against, and (totally to subdue) the greatest Part of *Christendom*.

But Almighty God, which putteth Bounds to the Sea, and saith, *Hitherto shalt thou Go, and no further*; Also Boundeth and Changeth Empires and Kingdoms, and setteth up Emperors and Kings, as seemeth good to Himself, of which the Histories of all Past Ages do furnish us with plenty of Instances.

The Jewes were always of Opinion, *That every Person and Place hath a certain Guardian-Angel set over it*. And many Doctors of the Christian-Church seem to

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Agree with them in that Particular, upon the Warrant they have from the Holy Prophet, *Dan. 10. 11.* Where mention is made of an Angel Governour over Persia, and over Greece; Rulers and Potentates, or, as our *English* Translation hath it, Principalities and Powers; And the Learned in all Ages have Observed, That God hath Set Intervals and Periods of Times to all Empires and Governments in the World; Amongst which Periods the 500. and 700. are Accounted the most Fatal, as you may see in *Bodin. Lib. 4. cap. 2.* The Natural Reasons of which is, for that in the said Spaces of Time there Elapseth so many Generations of Men, which abateth off, and more and more declineth from the Simplicity, Strength and Fortitude, whereby Kingdoms are Acquired Preserved and Propagated.

It is also Observed, That no extraordinary Change has ever hapned, but, has been Attended with, or fore-boded by strange Comets or Apparitions in the Heavens, as Gods Monitors pointing to us the Judgements threaten'd.

A Comet Appeared in the Year 602. about a Year before the pretended Prophet *Mahomets* Birth; And another Comet Appeared in the Shape of a Fiery Sword at Noon day, and continued the space of one whole Month at his Death, Rendring it no less prodigious then the Course of his Life, or the Success that has since Attended his Religion and Empire to this very day, of which see *Jos. phus Bell. Jud. lib. 7. cap. 12.*

That God hath Appointed fatal Bounds and Limits of Time to Empires (none will Deny) so hath he the like Bounds and Limits to other particular Places; And when any Change of an Empire is imminent, he commonly Raiseth up some Great Heroes, whom he useth as Organs to Punish or Amend Them, yet first revealeth such future Changes, by certain Signes and Prodigies, as *St. Augustin lib. de Urb. excid. Tom. 9* Speaks of a Great Comet that Appeared about the Year 396 over *Constantinople*, according to the Revelation first made thereof to a Souldier, and by him to a Bishop, who thereupon exhorted the People to Repentance, &c. He hath these very words, *Volens significum Deus terrere Civitatem, & terrendo emendare, terrendo convertere, terrendo mundare. terrendo mutare servo suo fideli viro ut dicitur Militaris, &c.* God being pleased to terrifie the City, by terrifying to convert it, by terrifying to cleanse it, by terrifying to change it, he Revealed (as is reported) to a Soldier his faithful Servant. And a little further, *Noctis initio tenebrantes, &c.* In the Beginning of the Night, whilst Darkness Covered the Earth, there Appeared a Fiery Cloud in the East, (at first but a little one); Afterwards by degrees, as it Approached the City, it so increased, till being mighty big it Hovered terribly over all the City, there was seen a horrible Flame which descended from it, neither was there a Sulphurous Smell wanting, all the People fled to Church, the Place contained not the Multitude, every One wrested Baptism from whom he could. the Sacrament was Exposed not only in the Church, but also through the Houses, Lanes and Streets, to Avoid the present as well as future wrath of God. Thus far *St. Augustine.* What strange Revolutions have since beset that City, all *Christendom* and the greatest part of the Intelligible World can sufficiently Witness. And to the purpose intended by this Paper, which is to shew by the many strange Comets which have Appeared of late Years, not only in Sight of the same *Constantinople*, but even of all *Christendom*, as Fore-runners of the Great Alterations and Changes which shall Happen and particularly on the *Turkish* Empire, whose Grand fatal Year is Proclaimed by the Heavens to be so near

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near at Hand, as has been long since Observed by Learned Men, by the Cause of the Suns Eccentricity, described of *Copernicus*, (cap. 20. lib. 3. *Revol.*) By a Motion of a little Circle, having the Eccentrick of its Center in its Circumference; *Georgius Johannis Rhetius* call'd this Circle, *The Wheel of Fortune*; By whose Revolutions, saith he, the Monarchies of the World received their Commencements and Changes, for like as the Roman Empire obtained its highest dignity when the Eccentricity was greatest, so the same Decreased is very much Empaired, and almost at the brink of Destruction; But the Turkish Empire began in the first Quadrant with the Law of *Mahomet*, and hath been most swiftly Augmented proportionably, according to the Motion thereof; being at this day wherein the Eccentricity is at the least in a flourishing estate, but shall henceforward be diminished until the other Quadrant, and alike swiftly (God so pleasing) Hasten to destruction:

According to *Tycho* and Others of the Best Astronomers, the Eccentricity is already notably encreased, (*viz.*) unto Part 2. 9'. or thereabouts. *Lausburgius* makes it Part. 2. 6'. 21". Insomuch (sayes the same Author) That if the Christians would henceforth lay aside their Ambition and Avarice, and Live at Peace among themselves, the God of Nature Presents them with an Age, wherein they may totally Overthrow and lay Waste the Empire of the Turks, and put a speedy Period to the Law of their Prophet *Mahomet*.

Cardan. Seg. I. Aph. 37. Permutationes Absidum Regna, & Regiones, & Religiones mutant. Changes of the Absides Alter Kingdoms, Regions and Religions.

Whence a Learned Author observes, That from the Change of *Saturns Absis* into *Cancer* *Mahomet* had his Growth, and by the Change thereof into *Capricorn* (the Sign opposite thereunto) receives he Detriment, and at length a final Destruction.

As Mr. *Ashmole* in his accurate Translation of *Spinus*, tells us, That *Mahomet's Destruction* initiated Anno 1630. And this he deduces from the Change of *Saturns Absis*, out of *Sagitary* into *Capricorn* (according to the *Prutenick Tables*) But by the *Pololiaque Tables* (the best extant). It enters not *Capricorn* till the beginning of the Year 1728. After which Time the Heavens have decreed that, and several other Causes which will Occur to extirpate *Mahomet* and his Law, which God in his infinite Mercy, (to bleeding *Christendom*) in his due time bring to pass.

The Wonderful Providence of God can never be sufficiently admired in all his Wayes, and particularly to permit the Growth of the insulting *Turks*, (as a just punishment to his Chosen People), so swell to such a Magnitude, (rather than grow) too big a Body for any Legs possibly to be found sufficient to support its Weight, that of its own unwieldiness it may, like a distempered Body, Pine, Waste, Consume, Decay and Moulder to as meer a Nothing, as it was before the Birth of their Grand Impostor.

And whereas such a Mighty Empire that hath shaken the Remotest Regions of the Earth, cannot reasonably be supposed to be dissolved into Atoms, in a Moments Space of Time; And the Fatal Year of that Monarchy Appearing by the said Learned Authority to be Anno 1728. Which is but 44 Years from this present time to come. The present happy Union that now is Established between His Imperial Majestie of *Germany*, the Crown of *Poland*, and Senate of *Venice*, together with the Inclinations the *Sophy* of *Persia* and the *Czars* of *Moscovy*, who seem to declare to come into the said Union. Besides, the present

Constitution the *Turkish Empire* is in, what a Fever and Ague is Fixed in the Blood, Body and Heart of that *Empire*, Occasioned upon the Blessed Success of the Christian Armes, that an Insulting Empire, who but a few Months past Threatened Destruction to the Remotest Parts of the Earth, now feels a Mortal Distemper in its own Bowels, (by a brave Diversion of the Christian *Cossacks* and *Morlaques*) and is Reduced to Consult of means to defend it self against its weakest Christian Neighbors, which being but indifferently considered, who can doubt but this present time, is an *Æra* or a *Preludium* to the Fatal Year *Anno* 1728. And that the present Illustrious and Renowned King of *Poland*, with the many Princes of the Holy Empire, and Others joyned with him, are the Heroes that God has Raised to Subdue, Alter and Amend the Eastern Empire of *Europe*, which so long has Groaned under the cruel Bonds of *Turkish Slavery*, Vassalage and Subjection; What a blessed state would *Christendom* be Reduced to in an instant, if it would lay aside Domestick Warrs, Quarrels and Pretensions of Strife; What an Opportunity presents it self (of Immortal Honour and Renown) to such as have Youth, Strength, Fortune and Courage, to List themselves in the Noble Roll of such brave Heroes in the best of Causes that ever Sword was drawn in, and in which the Valiant and Heroick Lords, *Lansdown* and *Taff* and many other *British* Subjects, have made so brave an Essay. What a happy Day would it be, that there was no other Emulation among Christians than a Vying who should do the bravest Act against their Common Enemy? If the Heavens have decreed it, it is not the Taking of a *Luxemburg*, or the Assaulting of a *Genoa*, or the Sending of a Fleet into the *Baltick*, can divert the unalterable Fate that Attends a sinking Empire, upon the Period and Brink of utter Destruction. The 500 and 700 Years fatal Periods of Time, mentioned before, may be sufficient to Caution such as Confederate with, or otherwise Assist an Empire under such a Destiny, that such do but Fight against Heaven; And that you may plainly understand the whole Course of the Heavens, are by Divine Providence at this Juncture on the Christian side, whose Celestial Influences joyn with and strengthen the Events of the said fatal Periods; To discover which I Refer you to the General History of the *Turkish Empire*, and you will find their Monarchy was first Settled and Founded in *Asia*, under the Denomination of a Kingdom, in the Year of Our Lord Christ 1030. by *Tangrolipx*, (and in the Reign of *Constantinus Monomachus* the Christian Emperour) of which a Man may very reasonably suppose, that the same *Tangrolipx*, or his Predecessors, were some Years in preparing a Foundation, on which so great a Structure as an Imperial Monarchy was to be Raised on; And if you Add the 44 Years yet to come, when the Change of *Saturn's Absis* out of *Sagitary* into *Capricorn*, will Happen, as I have said. with 654. (at this present,) so many Years since *Tangrolipx* to 1030. in which Year *Tangrolipx* first settled his Empire, it makes up Compleat 1728. and wants only two Years of the Grand fatal Period mentioned, by which it may be Observed, That there is not wanting a double Destiny to secure and strengthen all Accidents, that Naturally and properly Occur to the laying Waste that Tyrannical Government, which for so many years has Oppressed so great a Part of the Earth; What surer and more lasting Monument can a Man Raise to himself, than to be an Instrument in so Glorious a Cause, whose daily Success will be continually Celebrated with *Te Deum's* through the Universe, and all Ages to come for ever rejoice of their so mighty Deliverance; To effect which, let all good Men continually pray for the uniting and strengthening of the Christian Arms, which whenever it shall please God to bring to pass, will certainly be the Time that will Confirm these Predictions.

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